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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 9, 2015

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Valentine, Seconded By: Mr. Rosen

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Amendment of FY 2016 – 2021 SYIP to Transfer Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Funds for a Rail Study for Improvements Relating to the Lynchburg Train on a Railroad Owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company

WHEREAS, Item 430 of Chapter 806 of the 2013 Virginia Acts of Assembly authorizes the Secretary and all agencies within the transportation secretariat to take all actions necessary to ensure that federal transportation funds are allocated and utilized for the maximum benefit of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1603(B) of the *Code of Virginia* creates a nonreverting fund known as the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (“IPROC”) Fund, which is considered a special fund within the Transportation Trust Fund, and consists of funds designated pursuant to Section 58.1-638.3 (A)(2) of the *Code of Virginia* (effective July 1, 2013) and funds as may be set forth in the appropriation act and by allocation of funds for operations and projects by the Board in accordance with Section 33.2-358 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1603(C) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) or her designee to administer and expend or commit, subject to the approval of the CTB, the funds to support the cost of operating intercity passenger rail service; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has declared it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement, and development of intercity passenger rail-related infrastructure improvements and operations are essential to the Commonwealth’s transportation system and continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets; and,

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WHEREAS, the FY 2015 revenue collections for the IPROC fund exceeded the FY 2015 revenue estimate by over \$3.8 million. These funds are available for allocation to intercity passenger rail projects in FY2016;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2015, Norfolk Southern Railway Company notified the Department of the cost to conduct a Rail Traffic Control Modeling Study (RTC Study) to model the request for an additional roundtrip passenger train daily from Washington D.C. to Lynchburg, Virginia without increasing freight or passenger train delay; and,

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires such a study before additional services can be accommodated; and,

WHEREAS, the Department desires to expedite the RTC Study and begin planning for an additional intercity passenger train frequency between Washington, D.C. and Lynchburg, Virginia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the allocation of \$330,000 from the IPROC Fund be made available for the RTC Study on the railroad owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company once an Agreement acceptable to the Director of DRPT is executed between the DRPT and Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

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